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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum**

B. Offers and awards

Member States

Cuba

1. In a note verbale dated 17 February 2017, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations informed the Secretariat of the following:

> Contribution of the Republic of Cuba to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/105 entitled "Offers by member states of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories", adopted by the General Assembly on 6 December 2016.

Scholarship recipients from Non-Self-Governing Territories who graduated in Cuba during the 2015-2016 academic year, by institution

Territory	*MINSAP*	*MES*
Western Sahara	18	7
Total	**18**	**7**

Scholarship recipients from Non-Self-Governing Territories studying in Cuba 2016

Territory	*MINSAP*	*MES*
Western Sahara	127	12
Total	**127**	**12**

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Scholarship recipients from Non-Self-Governing Territories who have graduated in Cuba as of 2016, by institution

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Territory	*MINSAP*	*MES*	*INDER*	*Higher secondary*	*Secondary*	*Total*
Anguilla	1	2				3
Bermuda	1	1				2
Montserrat		1				1
Western Sahara l	344	1 086	4	204	935	2 573
Total	**346**	**1 090**	**4**	**204**	**935**	**2 579**

Scholarships offered to Non-Self-Governing Territories 2017-2018

Territory	*MINSAP*	*MES*
Western Sahara	5	5
Total	**5**	**5**

Abbreviations: INDER (Instituto Nacional de Deportes, Educación Física y Recreación), National Institute for Sports, Physical Education and Recreation; MES (Ministerio de Educación Superior), Ministry of Higher Education; MINED (Ministerio de Educación), Ministry of Education; MINSAP (Ministerio de Salud Pública), Ministry of Public Health.

France

2. In a communication dated 3 March 2017, the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations informed the Secretariat of the following:

> Students in New Caledonia are eligible for State financial aid from three ministries: the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Overseas Territories and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Scholarships from the Ministry of Education

These scholarships are administered by the Office of the Vice-Rector. State scholarships are meant to promote access to higher education, improve the conditions in which recipients pursue their studies and help them succeed. The Ministry of Education offers higher-education scholarships to students who are nationals of France or of another State member of the European Union, another State party to the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation. Foreign students are also eligible for such scholarships under certain conditions.

Higher-education scholarships are initially awarded on the basis of financial need. Students must meet age and diploma requirements, in addition to income-related requirements.

Need-based financial aid is divided into eight levels, ranging from level 0, at which university fees are waived, to level 7, at which a monthly grant of 66,169 Pacific francs (554.50 euros) is provided.

There is also a merit component, which supplements the need-based scholarship. This supplementary aid is available only to students who have obtained a secondary-school diploma (*baccalauréat*) with highest honours (mention "*très bien*") in the *baccalauréat* examination held the year before their first year of university or first year of enrolment in an institution of higher education.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a need-based scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a course of study that is within the purview of the Ministry of Education:

- in a first-degree programme in New Caledonia (programme leading to a *licence*, *master*, *doctorat* (bachelor's-master's-doctorate), *brevet de technicien supérieur* (two-year technical certificate), or *diplôme de gestion et comptabilité* (business and accounting degree), or *classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles* (preparatory classes for admission to the French specialized professional schools));
- in a public or private educational institution;
- in a course of study that is authorized to admit scholarship recipients.

Age requirements

- Under 28 years of age at the time of the initial scholarship application;
- Students aged 28 or over may continue to receive a scholarship provided that they do not interrupt their studies;
- For all students, the age limit is increased by one year for each child being raised by the student;
- The age limit is waived for students with disabilities.

Number of scholarship recipients and amounts awarded between 2012 and 2015

	2012		*2013*		*2014*		*2015*	
	Number of recipients	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*
Need-based scholarships	1 041	4 087 040	1 017	3 649 437	1 138	4 407 508	1 333	5 010 655
Merit supplement	13	20 000	6	10 400	15	28 400	25	47 800
Total	**1 054**	**4 107 040**	**1 023**	**3 659 837**	**1 153**	**4 435 908**	**1 358**	**5 058 455**

In July 2016, 1,218 scholarship recipients were enrolled in higher studies in New Caledonia. This figure does not include New Caledonian scholarship recipients who are pursuing their studies in metropolitan France.

Loans totalling 4,257,305.80 euros were awarded in 2016 for need-based scholarships. Loans totalling 41,200 euros were awarded in 2016 for merit scholarships (secondary-school diploma (*baccalauréat*) with highest honours (mention "*très bien*")).

Assistance from the Ministry of Overseas Territories

Through loans from the Ministry of Overseas Territories, the State, by financing the Cadres for the Future programme, is cooperating in the rebalancing process and in enabling Kanaks to attain leadership positions in New Caledonia. Students from New Caledonia are also eligible for the Mobility Passport scheme, under which the State pays all or part of the cost of air travel for New Caledonians wishing to pursue studies in metropolitan France.

The Cadres for the Future programme and the Mobility Passport scheme are administered in New Caledonia by the public benefit corporation Training Cadres for the Future, created jointly by the State and New Caledonia. Ninety per cent of this entity's financing is provided by the State.

Cadres for the Future programme

The 400 Cadres programme, subsequently renamed Cadres for the Future, is aimed primarily at continuing-education students who, for historical, cultural or financial reasons, have been unable to complete a full course of post-secondary studies. As a result of this programme, a quantitative rebalancing is beginning to take place in all sectors of activity.

State financing for this programme has grown significantly, from 1.4 million euros in 1990 to 5.4 million euros in 2005, a level that has since stabilized and was formally established in 2007.

From 1989 to 2016, 1,648 participants, 58 per cent of whom are men, 42 per cent of whom are women, and 71 per cent of whom are of Kanak origin, have been trained under the 400 Cadres and Cadres for the Future programmes.

Since the programme's inception, 61 trainees per year, on average, have left the territory to undertake training in metropolitan France. Eighty per cent of them have successfully completed their programmes. Over 95 per cent of the trainees have found employment within three months after returning to New Caledonia. Fifty-six per cent of them obtained work in the public sector on their return and 44 per cent obtained work in the private sector.

Priority sectors for the provision of aid under the programme are identified on a regular basis by a monitoring committee consisting of New Caledonian political stakeholders. Since 2012, priority has been given to training not only for the legal and judicial fields, but also for the senior civil service.

Lastly, since 2014, the State has supplemented its support for the Cadres for the Future programme by providing an annual grant of 300,000 euros to the Training Cadres for the Future public benefit corporation for the purpose of funding training towards a Master of Business Administration (MBA). In 2014, seven trainees benefited from this targeted assistance aimed at training high-level managers in the private sector.

Mobility Passport

This scheme is fully funded by the State. It consists of the full or partial payment of overseas students' air travel expenses for flights between their territory of origin and metropolitan France for the purpose of higher education (whether academic or continuing education) or participation in competitive examinations.

There are thus two types of Mobility Passport: one for education and one for professional training.

Aid is awarded on the basis of financial need, and only in cases where the training to be undertaken is not available in the territory of origin.

Under the Mobility Passport for education, assistance is provided up to:

- The full cost of air travel, if the recipient has also been awarded a need-based State scholarship,
- Half the cost of air travel, if the student's family quotient does not exceed 26,631 euros.

Assistance under the Mobility Passport for professional training covers the full cost of air travel if the applicant's family quotient does not exceed 26,631 euros (annual income/number of tax units).

Since 2014, the Mobility Passport scheme as a whole has been allocated a funding package of 2.2 million euros per year. In 2016, 1,193 students received assistance.

Scholarships from the Ministry of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture awards scholarships for tertiary studies in agriculture in New Caledonia. The target population thus consists of the students enrolled in the *brevet de technicien supérieur agricole* (two-year technical certificate in agriculture) programme at the Michel Rocard secondary school for general and agricultural studies, located in Pouembout, in the North province.

The scholarship is awarded solely on the basis of financial need, and the eligibility criteria are similar to those of the Ministry of Education.

The number of scholarship recipients and the amounts (in euros) disbursed by the Ministry of Agriculture since 2013 are as follows:

2013		*2014*		*2015*		*2016*	
Number of recipients	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*	*Number of recipients*	*Amount (euros)*
10	31 491	12	52 397	15	45 423	17	54 628

Turkey

3. In a communication dated 15 February 2017, the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations informed the Secretariat that:

> Currently there are no international students from Non-Self-Governing Territories who are benefiting from the scholarships granted by the Turkish government. However, inhabitants of these territories can apply to these scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctorate levels.